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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

DELOVITCH, Terry L.

Application No.: 09/341,407

Filed: October 12, 1999

For: METHODS FOR PREVENTING  
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE

Examiner: J. Roark

Art Unit: 1644

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition to extend time for three months, from November 27, 2002, to February 27, 2003, accompanies this response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 3 and 8, without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5 and 9 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for preventing the development of autoimmune diabetes in a susceptible subject comprising administering to the subject an effective amount of an anti- CD28 co-stimulatory receptor (CD28) agonist antibody, a human B7-2 protein, a B7-2 extracellular domain polypeptide, or an effective fragment of said polypeptide.

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